



People's Voice Project – What happens next

The People's Project – what is it?

The People's Voice project is part of the Bristol Impact Fund. At the moment there is no organisation in Bristol for people with Learning Difficulties which is led by people with Learning Difficulties.

The Bristol Impact Fund set aside some of its money to fund some research to find out if People with Learning Difficulties wanted their own organisation. This research has now happened and the answer is: they do want an organisation (see the Background document attached to this Expression of Interest).

The next step is to identify an organisation in Bristol which can use the remaining funding (£150,000) to support People with learning difficulties to create this new organisation which they lead themselves.

It will be an organisation which brings people with Learning Difficulties together, supports them to take action on things that are important to them and strengthens their voice and influence in the city.

What is Bristol Impact Fund?

The goal of Bristol Impact Fund (BIF) is to grow the power of communities that experience the greatest inequality. By this we mean communities living in the city's deprived neighbourhoods and communities with shared history of discrimination and prejudice (equalities communities).

The fund will support people to come together in their communities, make strong connections and take action on the issues that matter most to them. We know that some communities have less power in the city. These include working class communities, Black, Asian, and ethnic minority communities, Younger people, Older people, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people, Transgender people, Women, some faith groups and Disabled people.

These communities need the space, resources, and support to get their voices heard and make changes happen.

Bristol Impact Fund has seven principles at the heart of their work:

- **Equitable:** This means to take action to address unfairness.

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- **Inclusive:** This means to find respectful, creative ways to include people and communities who are often left out from community and city life.
- **Asset-based:** This means taking the time to discover, then build on, the strengths that are already in the community. Assets are people – their interests, time, experience, skills, networks, community and voluntary groups. Assets are also money, buildings, land, the local corner shop, nursery, sheltered housing, businesses and services.
- **Place-based:** This means to encourage many more people to come together and make life better in their local area
- **Build relationship:** This means to link people with other people, to make "Nothing About Us Without Us" a way of working.
- **Citizen-led:** This means People-Power: support people to take actions for themselves.
- **Nurturing the community and voluntary sector ecosystem:** Different groups and organisations work together well, they are 'stronger together'. Work to support groups that work with people who experience discrimination and prejudice.

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Step 1 – Expression of Interest

An Expression of Interest is you telling the Council that you want to receive this money, why you want it and what you want to do with it.

We are inviting organisations to apply for a grant of £169,000 for two and a quarter years (27 months – from July 2023 to September 2025).

This grant is open to organisations led and controlled by Disabled People OR organisations with a track record supporting the voice and power of Disabled People with Learning Difficulties (traditionally known as people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities).

See the People's Voice Background document for more information.

We are inviting applicants who want to find out more about the Expression of Interest and People's Voice Project to join **an online information session** on the **Tuesday 30th May 2023 13:00 -14:00**.

Please email investmentandgrants@bristol.gov.uk if you would like to attend the session and have any accessibility needs.

There are **2 stages** to the application :

- **Stage 1** - Applicants fill in an expression of interest form (below), giving contact details, information about their organisation, telling us what they want to do with the grant and confirming that they are one of the right types of organisation that is allowed to receive the grant (eligible applicant).

Applicants can submit expressions of interest any time between **22nd May 2023 up to 5.00pm on Thursday 8th June 2023** by email to investmentandgrants@bristol.gov.uk.

- **Stage 2** – Eligible applicants will be invited to attend a **20 minute interview** to share their idea or proposal with a small group of council people and People's Voice project workers on the **Tuesday 13th of June 2023 between 11:00am and 13:00pm**.

Applicants can decide how to share their idea using a verbal or visual presentation (for example: a film, a round-table discussion, informal chat

or whatever suits them best). If you bring a presentation or film, it should be no longer than five minutes.

We will let you know on the **afternoon of the 12th of June 2023** if we want to interview you on the **13th of June 2023**.

The interviews will be held at [City Hall \(Bristol\)](#). A laptop, projector and flip chart will be available at every session, if you think that you will need additional equipment, please let us know.

If you have travel needs, please let us know,

We will let organisations know which one we are giving the grant to as soon as possible after the interview.

This form is Stage 1. Please complete it and e-mail it to us at investmentandgrants@bristol.gov.uk

by 5:00pm on June 8th 2023.

Expression of Interest Form

An Expression of Interest is you telling us that you want to receive this money, why you want it and what you want to do with it.

Your organisation

What is the name of your organisation?	
What is your organisation's address?	
What is your name?	
What is your role in the organisation?	
What is your contact email and telephone number?	
Please tell us how you prefer to be contacted.	
If you have any access or communication needs please tell us about them. (it can be something you need to communicate, support to complete this form, a physical	

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Please tell us which of the following describes your organisation	Yes	No
<p>Tick yes if it does and no if it doesn't</p> <p>(Please note that the below information was difficult to adapt into Easy English. This is the jargon used by law. If you have any question about the below, you can contact: investmentandgrants@bristol.gov.uk)</p>		
Registered charity		
Community Interest Company (CIC) limited by guarantee		
Community Interest Company (CIC) limited by share (schedule 2 with 100% asset lock)		
Company limited by guarantee		
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)		
Community benefit company registered as an Industrial and Provident Society		
Unincorporated association		
Other (please tell us below)		

Tell us if your organisation meets our basic grant eligibility criteria	Yes	No
<p>Tick yes if it does and no if it doesn't</p>		
Is the organisation based in Bristol or delivering services in Bristol?		
Does the organisation have at least 3 trustees or directors?		
Is there a bank account in the organisation's name?		
Do payments have to be authorised by two people (who are not related or living together)?		

Tell us if your organisation is led and controlled by Disabled people or supports Disabled people with Learning Difficulties	Yes	No
Led and controlled by Disabled people		

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Tell us if your organisation is led and controlled by Disabled people or supports Disabled people with Learning Difficulties	Yes	No
Supports the voice and power of Disabled People with Learning Difficulties		

Baseline Standards

In order to secure public funds (public funds is money that belongs to a local or national government) Bristol City Council has to know how the organisation is delivering their project and how it is managed. We need to check that organisations meet our standards, and all applicants must provide the full information requested for us to see if we can give them this funding.

All documents required in the Baseline Standards must show the date they were adopted or most recently reviewed, and their next review date.

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ALL applicants MUST provide ALL the following information with their application:

Baseline Standard	Evidence you must provide with your application	Attached to your application (Yes)	Attached to your application (No)
Governance	Copy of your Constitution or Memorandum and Articles of Association		
	Proof of registration as a charity and/or company with charitable status or Community Interest Company (as relevant)		
	Copy of your most recent annual report containing a report on the AGM (Annual General Meeting)		
	Full list of Trustees/Management Committee Members with full names and addresses and showing their roles		

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ALL applicants MUST tick (Yes or No) to say that the following is in place and this will be requested on award of the grant to the successful applicant:

Baseline Standard	Do you have the following in place (you don't need to send us these documents)	Yes	No
Equalities	Equality & Diversity Policy including equalities impact assessments		
Complaints	Complaints Procedures		
Information Sharing	Information Sharing and Confidentiality Policy		
Health, Safety & Wellbeing	Health & Safety and Wellbeing Policy		
Safeguarding	Safeguarding Policy and Procedures for children or young people (if your organisation is working with, or comes into contact with, children or young people)		
	Vulnerable Adults Policy (if appropriate)		
Employment	Relevant policies which reference all current legislation		
Participation and Involvement	A participation strategy, or similar, demonstrating your organisation's commitment to beneficiaries' participation		
Monitoring and Evaluation	You count the number of people you work with; the different groups they belong to (their ages, sex, ethnic identity, if they are Disabled people, the area of the city they live in, their sexual identity); Put together stories that show what difference your work with them makes to their lives. You use this information to		

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	improve how your organisation works.		
Environmental management and sustainability	<p>You have a plan that helps your organisation reduce its harmful impact on the environment (for example how you recycle; you reduce harmful emissions in the way you travel) and any ways your organisations does things which support</p> <p><u>Mayor's Climate Emergency Action Plan</u></p>		

Your application

1 – Your interest in doing the People’s Voice Project with this money

a. What does your organisation do now? (200 words maximum)

- b. Why do you think your organisation will be a good one to support people with Learning Difficulties to set up a new organisation?
- c. Tell us how you use the Social Model of Disability in the way you work. (200 words maximum)

2 – Your activities and budget	
<p>a. What activities will you do to support People with Learning with Difficulties to create a new organisation led by them?</p> <p>b. How will you build the confidence, voice, and skills of People with Learning Difficulties to design, manage, and take part in the new organisation (500 words maximum)</p>	
<p>c. There are currently three Project workers in the People’s Voice Project, who conducted the original research. Please you let us know if you would consider employing them to deliver this project:</p>	
Yes	No

d. How will you use the money (£150,000) to support the activities you have described?

Please fill in the budget template attached to this Expression of Interest 'Budget Template – People's Voice Project'

3 – Showing the results of your work

How will you show that your activities are working?

(Some ways of showing this are standard measures which all organisation funded by Bristol Impact Fund use. You can demonstrate the progress you make in your project by counting how many people you've worked with; you could tell stories which illustrate the effectiveness of your work)

Please tell us how you will show your work is delivering to the following outcomes:

Outcome 1:

The new organisation is representative of people with Learning Difficulties:

Outcome 2

People with Learning Difficulties participate more in community life:

Outcome 3

More people with Learning Difficulties take on leadership roles within their community:

Outcomes: These are the key differences or changes your proposal will make:

Heritage Lottery describes outcomes in the following way:

- The output of cooking dinner is a plate of food. The **outcome** is a full and satisfied person.
- The output of a teacher is a certain number of lessons delivered in a year. The **outcome** is happier, wiser students who are more able to succeed.

By returning this form I confirm that: (Tick yes if it does and no if it doesn't)	Yes	No
I have the permission of the organisation's trustees or directors to apply for a Grant.		
The organisation meets the grants criteria set as set out in the guidance note.		
We understand that we will need to attend the interview that is allocated to us.		